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IN RE APPLICATION OF: **THOMAS GRASSL ET AL**
 SERIAL No.: 09/671,731

FILED: September 29, 2000

FOR: METHOD FOR PROTECTING A DATA MEMBER



GROUP ART UNIT: 2132

EXAMINER: G. Gushman

ATTY. REFERENCE: GRAS3002/BEU

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This paper is in response to the Official Action dated July 16, 2004.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 6.

Amendments to the drawings are set forth on page 8, and included in the replacement sheets submitted on September 23, 2004.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.